

Application No.: 09/913,362
Amendment Dated: August 12, 2005
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 30, 31 and 32(a). These sheets replace the original sheets.

Attachment

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Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an error in antecedent basis.

The Abstract has been objected to. The Abstract has been appropriately amended.

The drawings have been objected to. Specifically, it was indicated that certain reference numerals were not included in the drawings. In response, Figures 30, 31 and 32(a) have been amended.

At paragraph 4 of the Official Action, Applicants have been required to show certain claimed features. Regarding claim 6, a sector shaped (or fan shaped) object is shown as item 34 in Figure 3. Also, an I shaped object is shown in Figure 8 as item 54. Regarding claim 7, the objection is rendered moot by the cancellation of that claim. Regarding claim 8, this is illustrated, for example, by Applicants' Figure 11 where item 69 is shown having less thickness than, for example, item 67. Regarding claims 17-19, the objection is rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

Various claims have been objected to because of informalities. Regarding claim 2, the claim has been cancelled. Regarding claims 4-5 and 7, the claims have been cancelled. Regarding claims 8 and 9, the feature of "magnetic body" has been clarified. Regarding a "slanted tip end" in claim 7, again, claim 7 has been cancelled. Regarding claim 9, the claim has been amended to recite "another portion." Regarding claim 10, the claim has been cancelled. Regarding claim 12, "other" has been replaced with "another." Regarding claims 27 and 28, those claims have been cancelled. Regarding claim 23, the claim has been appropriately amended.

Various claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Regarding claims 2 and 3, those claims have been cancelled. Regarding claims 4 and 5, those claims have also been cancelled. Regarding claims 17, 18, 19, 20 and

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21, those claims have been cancelled. Regarding claims 14-16, the Office Action indicates that there is a problem regarding antecedent basis. The claims have been appropriately amended. Regarding claim 22, the claim was found to be vague. The claim has been appropriately amended.

Claim 1 has been allowed. Applicants' representative has identified, however, an error in antecedent basis in that claim. Claim 1 has been appropriately amended.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Figures 30, 31 and 32(a) (3 sheets)
Abstract

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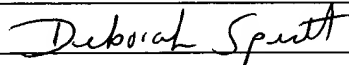
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